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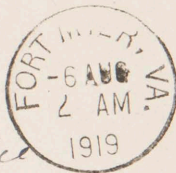
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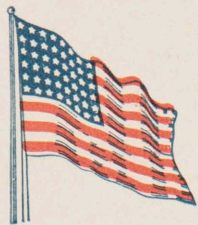
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
WAR ACTIVITIES

FROM

*1st Lt. Mack E. Franklin*  
*Troop H 3rd Cav.*  
*Fort Myer Va*



*Mrs Lora W. Stau*  
*#46 Hancock St*  
*Port Harbor Va*



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## WAR ACTIVITIES



Port Myer Is.  
CAMP

August 6 1919

I  
Dear Mrs Lora W. Stanley!  
I received your most welcome letter today and I was certainly glad to hear from you, it was pretty nice of you to send me some clovers in your letter that I received today. You mentioned in your letter about me getting out ~~from~~ from the army and stay out, I would be glad to get out but it seems to me, there is no prospects of getting out, it is 4 years since I enlisted in the army I was 19 years old when I enlisted, now I am 23 years old, and it seems to me **that** I spend all my life in the army but while I am in it my life don't belong to me, a soldiers life





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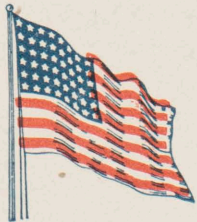
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Respectfully yours  
Wack. E. Franklin

[PRIVATE MACK E. FRANKLIN LETTER]

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Bar Harbor

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